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TOPEKA, KANSAS, JUNE 7, 1900.

TWO CENTS.

Kansas Crop Prospects Were Never So Good.

Condition of Wheat For Whole State Over 100 Per Cent.

ARE NO CHINCH BUGS

Ravages of Insect Pest Not Been Noticeable.

Harvesting Has Already Begun in Many Sections.

THE 15 BIG COUNTIES.

They Contain Half Wheat Acreage of Kansas.

Sun Never Shone Upon More Promising Area of Wheat.

Secretary F. D. Coburn of the Kansas department of agriculture today issued a bulletin giving the results of searching inquiry into the state's crop conditions on June 2. as learned from expertenced reporters growers, millers and Epecially cautioned in each instance to make only safe, conservative estimates. Any occasional local statements apelevator men in every neighborhoodpraring extreme or extravagant, suggenting a disposition to unduly magnify or minimize in any direction have been carefully eliminated, and if any different the situation is even more favorable thus the published figures indicated This, in accordance with the department's invariable rule that Kansus shall always be able to show more assets and deliver more goods than the inentory and advertisements set forth.

The average condition of winter wheat for the whole state is 100.9 per cent, ranging from 52 in Cheyenne county to 111 in Harper. The counties reporting the highest conditions are Harper, Ottawa, Leavenworth, Sedgwick, Pratt, Cloud, Clark, Barton and Bourbon.

Of the 105 countles, 15 in the central third of the state, or Sumner, Barton, McPherson, Rice, Rush, Ellis, Pawnee, Russell, Sedgwick, Saline, Stafford, Reno, Mitcheil, Ellisworth and Harper, named according to their rank in acrease, have 50 ner cent of the entire wheat area, with an average condition wheat area, with an average condition of 103.4, ranging from 97 in Rush to 111 of 103.4, ranging from 97 in Rush to 111 11 in Harper. Along with these counties the 14 having successively the next larsest acreages, viz: Dickinson, Marion, Lincoln, Osborne, Cowley, Ottawa, Rooks, Harvey, Kingman, Thomas, Lalectts, Ness, Smith and Pratt, making 29, located mostly in the central third area sown to wheat and show an averand condition of 102.5.

the wheat acreage, or practically the wheat field of Kansas, the average condition is 191,07.

Material damage by chinch bugs is

Material damage by chinch bugs is not reported from any county except Dickinson. In Dickinson, Marion, McPherson, Ottawa, and Hire countles the Hessian its has been doing harm in many fields, more particularly in those of Dickinson and McPherson. From many directions stories are sent of wheat fields infested with myriads of small green lies or flies, but from nowhere are there definite statements or their yet being actually harmful, Harvesting has begun in the earlier fields of the southern tier of counties. On the whole it is doubtful if the sun ever showe upon a like area of wheat, in a single state, more promising than that it.

a single state, more promising than that it Kansas at the beginning of June

Generally throughout the state the condition and prospects of corn are very emouraging. The acreage is reported practically the same as last year, with a condition of 18.2 per cent, being 3 points higher than at the same date one year ago, and 18 higher than 1 wo per cent of the corn acreage last year the conditions averages 91.8, varying as follows: Bourbon 169, Brown 98, Butler 98, Decatur 91, Dickinson 91, Franklin 96, Greenwood 90, Jackson 95, Jefferson 100, Lyon 86, Marion 91, Marshall 96, McPherson 91, Miami 90, McPherson 91, Miami 90, McPherson 91, Miami 90, McPherson 94, Norton 94, Osage 95, Phillips 86, Pottawatomie 92, and Reno 58.

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Power house, Broadway and Salisbury street; power house, Prairie avenue and North Market street; power house, Compton avenue and Papin street; power house, Clayton oned and Boyle avenue; car shed, Broadway and Gano avenue; repair shop, Jefferson and Gravois avenues; car shed, Newsted and Fairfax avenues; car shed, Obear and Kossuth avenues; car shed, Obear and Kossuth avenues.

Since Sunday there have been more Generally throughout the state the

corn and wheat at this time:

COUNTIES,	WHEAT		CORN	
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THURSDAY EVENING.

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THURSDAY EVENING.

Accusation Against National President Mahon

Of the Amalgamated Associa-

tion of Street Car Men.

Which Allege That He Secretly Counsels Violence

While Publicly Urging Preservation of Good Order.

St. Louis, June 7.—Among the affi-davits filed in the United States circuit

The affidavit is as follows:
"R. I. Wilson and E. A. Drushel, formerly residents of Cleveland, O., are now employed by the St. Louis Transit company, Wilson as a conductor, Drushel as a motorman, We were residents of Cleveland during the strikes on the electric car lines there in the year 1899. During said strikes, we be-The average condition of oats is 88.2. Most of the counties having the largest acreages sown report the best conditions. Counties having the best conditions. Counties having the best conditions. Counties having the big acreages last year report their present condition thus: Atchison 91, Brown 92, Butler 100, Clay 95, Cloud 93, Crawford 50, Dickinson 95, Doniphan 92, Harvey 99, Jewell 100, Marion 96, McPherson 92, Marshall 98, Nemaha 97, Itemo 90, Republic 102, Riley 93, Sedgwick 97, Summer 91, and Washington 100.

In various parts of the state alfalfa fields are afflicted by worms, in general appearance much like the well-known cut worm. These crawl up in the branches and work destruction by devouring the foliage, showing a preference for the tops and tenderest shoots. When disturbed they drop to the ground, curl up and lie as if lifeless. Their prevalence in such numbers is

sorghuma for forage and grain is indi-cated from all portlons of the state, and a considerable larger planting than ever before. Although too early to re-port with definiteness the condition is STRIKE SITUATION.

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Spring wheat condition 36, rye 95, potated mostly in the central third of the state, contain 75 per cent of the area sown to wheat and show an average sown to wheat and show an average condition of 102.5.

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Largely owing to the early luxuriance of the pastures live stock is in unusually good condition, and seem to be exceptionally healthy, there being no all usion to serious disease to be a seem to be exceptionally healthy. The sagreed to recognize the union and to allow its employes to belong to it, but insists on retaining all the men who have taken the places of strikers.

Last week the company agreed take back 1,000 me.

Botha is Massing His Forces Near Pretoria.

London, June 7 .- In the absence of anything from British sources enlightin during the past few days and a plan to divide the entire force into two divisions to do duty in North and South St. Louis is under discussion, About 400 deputies in squads were sent out today to guard the following places:

Power house, Broadway and Salisbury street; power house, Broadway and Lamie street; power house, Prairie avenue and North Market street; power house, Compton avenue and Papin street; power house, Vista and Vandeward and Van

Nooit Gedacht, an unhealthy spot in the avenues. The following table shows the estimated number of acres of wheat in each county, placed in rank according to its acreage, the acreage, and the condition of the county of

> The strained relations between the secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne and the British composition of Street Car Employes, discussing the efforts to induce Governor cussing the efforts to induce Governor customers. secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne and the British commander-in-chief of force, Lord Wolse-ley, appeared to have reached such a pitch that but for the exigencies of the situation, Lord Wolseley would have resigned. It seems that Lord Larisdowne attempted to usurp some of the authority niways heretofore wielded by the commander-in-chief and the lat-ter is now said to have laid the whole is now said to have laid the whole

BOERS AT MAJUBA HILL. New York, June 7-A Herald dispatch from Newcastle dated Monday says; Great numbers of the enemy still oc-cupy Majuba Hill, Laings Nek and the Pogwani range as far east as Engie-brechts pass. On the Ballasberg the positions they hold are particularly strong. Generals Christian Botha, Fourie and Pretorius are in command. Should they obstinately refuse to yield and still continue fighting they will in all probability fall back on Lydenburg by way of Ernolo with prospects of a way of Ernolo with prospects of a retreat into the almost inaccessi-mountains of the Murchison range. Their task to prevent Buller's entry in-to the Transvani by way of Volhurst can only result in fallure and unneces-sary loss of life on both sides.

86 day; northwest winds,

AFFIDAVITS ON FILE

court in connection with the proceedings for an injunction against street railway strikers is one signed by R. L. Wilson and E. A. Drushel, in which grave charges are preferred against National President Wm. D. Mahon of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes of America, as well as against the president of division 106.

on the electric car lines there in the year 1899. During said strikes, we became acquainted with W. D. Mahon and Harry Bryan, Mahon being president of the National Association of Street Railway Employes, and Bryan president of local division No. 106. Each of said affiants were members of No. 108, and attended most of the meetings of said division and heard the speeches, counsel and advice of Bryan and Mahon and they each say that in such speeches so made by each of them, the said Bryan and Mahon, when speaking in public, or where the public was likely to know of their utterances counseled good order and advised against violence; but in private or secret meetings, where the public would not know what transpired, said Mahon and Bryan by their manner, speech, innuendo and conduct, gave the affiants and the members of the association to understand they were at liberty to indulge in any kind of violence that would interrupt the operations of the street railway lines and prevent other men from operating curs thereon, That as soon as these private advices by innuendoes and the like became known among the men, pole cutting, placing obstructions on the tracks, assaulting cars and employes with stones, eggs and other missiles became general and that said strike lasted for admost four months with that character of violence and obstructions to the tracks prevailing which your affiants believe was in the manner aforesaid incited, counseled and advised by said Mahon and Bryan and others in collusion with them."

Mr. Mahon, when seen in regard to these charges, said: "I deny complete-ly the charges of Wilson and Drushel."

STRIKE SITUATION.

It is just one month lacking a day it is just one month lacking a day it is just one month lacking a day it.

came vacancies for. The strikers in-sisted that all or none be taken back and here the matter rests. Additional non-union men are daily coming to town to run the cars and the company town to run the cars and the company now claims so many places have been filled that they can only provide posi-tions for less than 1,000 of the old em-playes. Gradually the Transit com-pany has resumed service on all but two or three of its lines, but is not running the usual number of cars on any one of them and none at night. Six additiona companies of deputies have been organ-ized from among the posse men sworn in during the past few days and a plan

Roberts reported had been shifted from Water Val.

Among those arrested are three young girls who have confessed that they took part in the assoult on Miss Pauline Hesser, at Tenth

Stephens to call out the militia, said to-

do not think the governor would be justified in calling out the militia at present. There is no lawlessness here but the local authorities can cope with. The Transit company are running more cars daily. It seems to have men to run them and the strikers are not interfering with them. Therefore I say I do not think that the governor would be at all justified in calling out

would be at all justified in calling out the militia."
Since the strike began numerous stories of a sensational character have been sent out by irresponsible persons. One story to the effect that Maud Thomas, 17 years of age, astride a mule, led 5,000 strikers to the Carondelet power house last night with the object of destroying that building, is wholly without foundation, so investigation made today shows.

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After several conferences held today between Sheriff Pohlman, Chief of Pohlman

the line on Finney, Grand and Washingthe line on Finney, Grand and Washington avenues."

There will be police officers on the

GOV. STEPHENS THREATENED. Jefferson City, Mo. June 7.—Governor Stephens is annoyed by letters received from St. Louis threatening him if he does not call out the militia to suppress street car strike riots. This morning he received the following card.

card:

"St. Louis Mo., June 6, 1900.

"To Mr. Stephens, governor of Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo.:

"If you do not call out the state militia in a few days you will be shot.

"Respectfully, E. EVERMORE."

Governor Stephens says he has not had the support of the press and citizens of St. Louis in his efforts to preserve order, and that these letters are the natural result of the constant attacks of the newspapers and others. Governor Stephens said heexpected to go to St. Louis tonight and answer the citizens in person in regard to their request to have the militia called out. The governor then gave out the following:

"I have endeavoyed fearlessly have

"I have endeavored fearlessly, honestly and conscientiously to do my full duty as the governor of Missouri since the St. Louis strike was inaugusince the St. Louis strike was inaugurated. Notwithstanding this I have not had the support of the press of St. Louis. I have been held up to constant ridicule by most of the St. Louis newspapers, which seem to be playing to all elements. Every movement the state authorities have made has been discredited, every motive has been impured.

pugned.
'If dynamite is yet resorted to by the anarchists and mobs and property is destroyed and lives are sacrificed the public will know upon whom to fasten the responsibility."

A Cyclone Blots Faulkner, Kas. From the Map.

Chetopa, Kan., June 7 .- During a severe wind storm at an early hour this morning the village of Faulkner, seven miles northeast of here was almost entirely demolished. The storm destroyed the school house, a church, North Bros.' hay and storage barn and several dwellings, burning one and damaging many others. The buildings were scattered over the adjacent country. Several farm houses in the county were unroofed, or blown from their foundations and much damage was done to crops.

COMPLETE AUG. I.

City Building to Be Ready For Use on That Date.

Work on the auditorium and city hall is being pushed and the contractors hope to have the fire department and city hall building completed August 1 The roof is partly on the city hall and the lathers are nearly through. The plasterers commenced work in the council chamber yesterday. The second and third floors have been wired and the gas connections will be completed today. For the past week the work on the auditorium part has been done on the east side and the east wall is completed. Work on the Cuincy is completed. Work on the Quincy street side has been delayed on account of the dressed stone which was late in arriving. The stone commenced com-

ing yesterday and work will now be pushed on the front part. The stone carvers are at work. The steel girders for the roof of the auditorium have not yet arrived

FORTY MEN AMBUSHED.

Capt. Crenshaw Badly Wounded in Philippines.

Manila, June 7.-Capt. Frank F. Crenshaw, with 40 men of the Twenty-eighth Infantry, while scouting near Taal was ed into an ambush by a guide. Captain Crenshaw was badly wounded in the head and one private was wounded. The ambushers were scattered, leaving ten dead and three wounded on the field, Flint, while scouting five miles east of Bianonabato, Bulacan province, had a slight brush with the enemy.Flint and two privates were wounded.

NEAR A HUNDRED.

Wednesday Was the Hottest Day of the Season. Observer Jennings did the best he could yesterday but despite his efforts

the thermometer on the roof of the Columbian building climbed to an even 89 at four o'clock. It was hot.

The observer flew up to the roof with a bucket of water and sent down for wet blankets and ice. He applied the sun stroke remedy to the mercury but still it hung to within one point of a hundred. Finally his efforts were rewarded and it commenced to drop until it got down to 86 just before the rain. As the rain commenced the mercury took a straight shoot down to 68 but quickly rallied and went up to 75. The rain amounted to 12 hundredths of an inch. Wednesday was the hottest day of the year and had the severest thunderstorm. The forecast today is "generally fair and cooler tonight and Thursday." The maximum temperature Columbian building climbed to an even The maximum temperature this morning up to 11 o'clock was 89 the same as yesterday. The minimum was 68. The wind was southeast blowing 6 miles an hour.

REVOLT IN BORNEO.

A Number of British Are Killed and Wounded.

Chicago, June 7 .- A Record special from Victoria, B. C., says: News was brought from the east by the steamer Empress of Japan that a serious upbetween Sheriff Pohlman, Chief of Pohlman of the Murchison range. Their task to prevent Buller's entry into the Transvani by way of Volhurst can only result in fallure and unnecessary loss of life on both sides.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, June 7.—For Kansas: Generally fair and cooler tonight and Friday, northwest winds.

Deputy sheriffs will be stationed along. rising against the British has again broken out in North Borneo. Many refugees who arrived in Labuan say that the cause of the outbreak was the general dissatisfaction against the twie of the chartered company. In the fighting several British were killed and sever wounded. Twenty-five Chinese

Inscription Borne by Banners of the Boxers.

Burning, Pillage and Murder Still Unchecked.

TROOPS IN TERROR.

Imperial Soldiers Are Afraid of the Rebels. Situation at Pekin is Growing

Worse Daily. London, June 7.-Telegraphing from

Tien Tsin under date of June 6, a cor-

respondent says: "I left Tien Tsin this morning en route for Pekin, accompanied by General Nich, supposed to be one of the best Chinese generals, with 60 troops. We proceeded to Lofa, a distance of 31 miles. We found the plate-layers' cabins in flames and telegraph poles cut and men engaged in destroying others in villages near the rallway, where flags

were seen bearing the inscription 'Kill all foreigners.'

"I saw smoke, evidently from burning houses in the distance, but General Nich refused to proceed further, being in mortal fear of the boxers, though the foreigners endeavored to persuade him to disentrain his croops, who are firmly convinced that it is useless to light the boxers, as other Chinese say they have seen boxers hit with bullets rise and run away.

"There seems to be little prospect of a resumption of traffic to Pekin unless the foreign powers assume control of the railway until the Chinese government proves itself capable of managing communications with its capital."

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GROWING WORSE. Pekin, June 7.-The situation is grow-

said, "a few hundred men can do very little, but it may be the beginning of greater events."

Admiral Sir E. R. Freemantle, for years in charge of the Indian and Chinese squadrons and now commander in chief at Davenport, arrived today on his return from a tour through the Orient. He said that he thought Japan and Russia would surely fight. At any rate Japan would never back down. The feeling was so intense there that no ministry could or would give in to Russia. Korea, he said, should belong to Japan, and the Japanese knew it and would fight for it.

When questioned as to what part England would take in the struggle, he said he could make no statement whatever as to England's course in the event of war, but he said that Japan was in the right, that she would fight and

the right, that she would fight and she would win.

When told of the recent massacre of

British missionaries and of Japaness protest against Russia sending in more That greatly intensifies the situa-

tion, but you can understand why I do not wish to commit myself." ENGLAND'S CHINESE POLICY. ENGLAND'S CHINESE POLICY,
London, June 7.—It is understood here
that if the United States expects Great
Britain to take independent or initiative
action in China, as might be gathered
from special cable dispatches quoting
Congressman Hitt, it is depending on a
contingency which appears very remote,
indeed. From every continental capital
today comes evidence of how keenly the
powers appreciate the far eastern crisis,
yet the British foreign office retains the
apathetic attitude, which for years has
distinguished its Chinese policy. Though
the "Boxers" movement has doubled in
virulence and international complications
have since cropped up, the Marquis of
Salisbury appears to have taken no new
stops to meet the emergency.

A representative of the Associated
Press was informed officially today that
the British minister at Pekin, Sir Claude
McDonald, and his assistants are still in
complete charge of the situation and are
relifed upon to meet any circumstances
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The government understands that the diplomatic and naval authorities on the spot are co-operating harmoniously and so long as this state of affairs continues. Lord Salisbury sees no immediate necessity for taking steps over the British minister's head. In short, the feeling prevalls in British government circles that the "Boxers" outbreak is not likely to result more seriously than many former uprisings in that quarter of the globe. Moreover Lord Salisbury perhaps mose than any man in public life in England, realiges how great are the difficulties with which Great Britain is hedged in at the present moment. Replying to a private letter the other day, which suggested that Great Britain should show her teeth more, Lord Salisbury, it is learned by the Associated Press, replied that "unfortunately England's teeth were now in South Africa"

In spite of the fact that the Associated Press is officially informed that Great Britain has neither sounded other powers

with the view of securing co-operation in a new and vigorous Chinese policy, or been sounded as to such action by any power, there are many rumors that such steps are under consideration.

A member of a foreign embassy in London tells the Associated Press that it is certain that the British foreign office is contemplating sending instructions to its minister to secure the support of other governments, especially of the United States, in a plan of action. Though Russia might be invited to join, this concert would have for its uiterior object the frustration of any designs Russia may harbor for making capital out of the present trouble in the state of affairs in China. This statement the British foreign office categorically and emphatically denies. But even if the denial is prempted by motives of policy, it can be said without reserve that Great Britain will take no action on her own initiative beyond the mere protection of her endangered subjects. No amount of public pressure could induce Lorid Salisbury to enter into further complications until the South African war is finished. But the tone of the British press is in acute contrast of the official attitude.

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The afternoon newspaper today are unanimous in urging a combination of the powers with a greater object than a mere temporary suppression of the Boxers.

The St. James Gazette declares there is "nothing for it but to see what can be done by a magnified version of the European concert we saw worked in Crete—by the diplomatic steam roller, more complicated, less handy and more jarring than the old one, because it includes wheels which are Japaneze and others which are American."

The Westminster Gazette maintains that Great Britain's choice is either to wait for a collision between Russia and Japan in the meanwhile contining her efforts to police work and landing parties, or to organize joint European intervention in which all the parties will bind themselves to keep the peace and respect the independence of Pekin.

Later details from Tien Tsin say that during the engagement at Tung Hu between the "Boxers" and Catholic Christians, Tuesday the Christians captured nine cannon.

Salina Paper Says Grain Company is Gobbling Up Elevators.

Dealers in Central Kansas Being Forced to Sell.

The Salina Dally Union has discovered another trust which is fastening its tentacies to Kansas,

communications with its capital."

Pekin, June 7.—The situation is growing ateality worse. Events move with such rapidity and affairs, owing to the sentence of the foreign ministers hold frequent meetings. They feel the need of a free hand for energetic action, with a free hand for energetic action, with a first sentence of the foreign ministers hold frequent meetings. They feel the need of a free hand for energetic action, with the foreign ministers hold frequent meetings. They feel the need of a free hand for energetic action, with more marines. Sir Claude McDonald, the British minister, is wiring for seventy-live more marines. Sir Claude McDonald, the British minister, is wiring for seventy-live more marines. Sir Claude McDonald, the British minister, is wiring for seventy-live more marines. The foreign ministers at lodays are spenily frilling in the adjacent by the access it reduces the price which the seventy of the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to still competition, and that when it succeeds it reduces the price which the seventy of the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to still competition, and that when it succeeds it reduces the price which the seventy of the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to still competition, and that when it succeeds it reduces the price which the seventy of the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to still competition, and that when it succeeds it reduces the price which the seventy of the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to a several propers that the well and the seventy of the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to the fact that the company is a trust, that it is endeavoring to the fact that the company is a fact that the company is the fact that the co Peavy company began its operations on the Union Pacific it offered to buy Work out, but he refused the offer. The company then unloaded the material for a new elevator in Bavaria and threatened to put up a new building and run Work out of business if he refused to sell, and he then sold.

"The same tactics were used to get possession of the McCracken elevator at Solomon. At Mentor the company recently asked for a new lease of the Miller elevator. Mr. Miller asked \$100 a month for the property, but the Peavy company refused to pay more than \$50, and threatened to put up a new elevator if the offer was not accepted."

The only prevame and the county commissioners, but outled get no satisfaction. The only hope is for the mearted the board in a body and demand relief."

"My assessment this year amounts to double that of last year plus \$2,000, "said another merchant. The volume of our stock is practically the same, and the only increase is the increase in the value of the goods. There is therefore no reason or justice in the assessment. I mean to do what I can to have the matter remedied."

"If the rate remains the same as last year," said another, "my taxes under the assessment this year will amount to more than my rent."

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INSTRUCT FOR BRYAN.

Connecticut Democrats Fall Into Line Cheerfully.

Waterbury, Conn., June 7 .- The Conecticut Democratic state convention

"The Democracy of Connecticut appreciates the services and honors the sterling character and splendid ability of William J. Bryan, and the delegates selected by this convention are hereby instructed to unite with the Democracy of the uniter states of the uniter in instructed to unite with the Democracy of the other states of the union in securing his nomination for president of the United States and request them to advocate the adoption of a platform embodying the fundamental principles of the Democracy which he so ably represents, and we pledge our support to the platform which shall be adopted at the national convention to be held at Kansas City."

The following delegates at large to

Topeka Merchants Complain About Tax Assessment.

Valuations of Some Stocks of Merchandise Are Doubled.

PROTESTS ARE IN VAIN

No Relief Offered by the City Assessor.

Will Call Upon County Commissioners in a Body.

WHAT ARE THEY ABOUT

Is Purpose to Drive Business Men Away?

Have Little Faith in Talk About Lowering Rate.

The merchants of Topeka are excited as a result of the recent city assessment. A meeting has been called at the Commercial club rooms tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, and from there the business men will call on the board of county commissioners in a body.

The reason for the indignation is the doubling of valuations on stocks of merchandise which has been indulged in generally. But few of the merchants along Kansas avenue have escaped without the valuation of stocks being doubled, and in some instances the assessment has not stopped at this. One merchant's assessment amounts to double the valuation of last year plus \$3,000 and another doubles last year's

valuation plus \$2,000.

All the merchants agree that there should be some increase in the valuation because merchandise in stock this

more than my rent."

The only excuse for the increase in valuation is the possibility of a reduction in the rate of taxation. The present rate is 4:85 per cent. Under the present assessment the merchants say that the rate would have to be reduced to 3 per cent to make the action just. Some of the merchants go so far as to say that the county assessors did not fix their basis of valuation until they knew what it was intended to do in the

knew what it was intended to do in the city assessment. The Topeka business men naturally necticut Democratic state convention has unanimously adopted a platform naming W. J. Bryan as its candidate for president, instructing the delegates for Mr. Bryan and pledging support to the platform of the Kansas City convention.

The platform, which follows, was adopted unanimously:

"The Democracy of Connecticut appreciates the services and honors the sterling character and splendid ability the country commissioners, but at least

county commissioners, but at least have the satisfaction of making a determined protest

BURTON GETS ONE.

His Home Senatorial District Instructs For Him. The Republicans of the Clay-Dickin-

son county senatorial district yes day nominated George H. Fullingto Clay Center, and instructed him too he election of J. R. Burton for United States senator. Mr. Pullington is ex-treasurer of Clay

county: a prohibitionist and a good "mixer." The district is now Populist, being represented in the senate by G. W. Hanna, of Clay.

Cleveland's Brother-in-Law Dead. Gleveland's Brother-in-Law Dead.

Beatrice, Neb., June 7.—William E.

Hoyt, brother-in-law of ex-President
Cleveland, died at his home in this city
today of inflammation of the bladder.
He was T years of age. He was born in
New York city, and has been a resident of Neoraska for ten years. His
wife, Mary Cleveland Hoyt, and two
sons, United States District Clerk R.
C. Hoyt, of Omaha, and C. G. Hoyt, Indian agent, North Yakima, Washington, survive him.